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7TH GLTN PARTNERS MEETING

INFORMATION NOTE

**24-26 APRIL 2018
NAIROBI, KENYA**

UNITED NATIONS OFFICES NAIROBI (UNON)
GIGIRI, NAIROBI, KENYA

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INFORMATION FOR THOSE TRAVELLING TO KENYA

The 7th GLTN Partners' Meeting will take place from 24 to 26 April 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya with partner-led side events and meetings before and after the main event.

The purpose of this note is to provide you with some practical pertinent information about your travel and stay during the Partner's meeting.

1. General Information: Kenya is located on the eastern coast of Africa, right on the equator. It is a land of striking landscapes, ranging from snow-capped Mount Kenya to rich farmlands, barren deserts and tropical beaches. It borders Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan in the north, Uganda in the west, Tanzania in the south, and the Indian Ocean in the east. Kenya's capital city is Nairobi. Other major cities are Mombasa, the main port on the Indian Ocean and Kisumu on Lake Victoria. Kenya is divided into 47 counties, which are geographical units envisioned by 2010.

2. Time Zone: Kenya is GMT + 0300 hours.

3. Visas: All travellers arriving in Kenya should have a valid passport. All Kenyan visa applications are now processed on eCitizen (<https://www.ecitizen.go.ke/>), the first-stop portal for Government information and services. For information on how to apply, who requires a visa, types of visa and fees, eligibility, requirements and guidelines, visit <https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=5>

4. Transport: Airport Pick up/Drop off on average costs K.Sh. 2,500.00 or \$30.00 one way. The cost is slightly less if you are able to source an UBER cab.

5. Health: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is mandatory for travellers over one year of age coming from countries where yellow fever may occur. Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Ecuador, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Peru Sierra Leone and Sudan have been indicated as countries where yellow fever may occur, but no guarantees can be given that no certificates are required from other countries. Malaria risk exists throughout the year in Kenya, though there is little risk in Nairobi and the highlands. Mosquito repellent can be useful in the evenings, however.

6. Weather: Kenya lies on the equator and has a pleasant, tropical climate, but there are large regional climatic variations influenced by several factors, including altitude. Temperatures drop by about 6°C for every 1,000m you climb (or 3.5°F per 1,000ft). Kenya's daytime temperatures average between 20°C/68°F and 28°C/82°F. April falls in the rainy season and there can be a downpour on a daily basis, although it seldom lasts the whole day. Carrying an umbrella is a very good idea.

7. Electricity: 240 Volts.

8. Official Language: The official languages of the Republic of Kenya are English and Kiswahili.

9. Currency

The official currency of the Republic of Kenya is the Kenya Shilling (K.Sh.). The current exchange rate vis-à-vis the US dollar is approximately K.Sh.100 give or take (as of January 2018) for one US dollar and K.Sh. 123 for one Euro.

10. Credit cards

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city.

11. Venue and Access: The meetings will be held at the United Nations Complex, United Nations Avenue, Gigiri, Nairobi (UNON). The UN Gigiri complex is about seven kilometres from the city centre and about 16 kilometres from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. To access the UN Complex, please carry your passport for identification purposes. This is very important. Security is becoming stricter within the complex and participants who arrive at the front entrance without a valid ID will not be allowed to enter. The coordinates for the complex are -1.232927°N 36.8162122°E. [Click here to view the location on Google Maps.](#)

12. Internet Café, Wi-fi: Free Internet access is available around the UN Complex, specifically around the conference areas, lounges, meeting rooms and post offices. Use the Wireless Network Connection named 'VISITORS' or 'DELEGATES' for internet access.

13. Hotel reservations, airport transfers and transport for participants: Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations.

SOME PREFERRED HOTELS

Jacaranda Hotel, Westlands

US\$215 (D) / US\$175 (S)

8 km from UN Complex

Cell: 254-733-601613/4, 254-722-205486/7

Tel: 254-20-4448713/4/5/6/7

Fax: 254-20-4445818

<http://www.jacarandahotels.com>

Sankara Hotel, Westlands

US\$259 (D) / US\$233 (S)

8 km from UN Complex

Tel: 254-20-420800

Fax: 254-20-4208888

<http://www.sankara.com>

Southern Sun Mayfair, Westlands

US\$250 (D) / US\$239 (S)

8 km from UN Complex

Tel: 254-20-3740920/1, 3688 000

Fax: 254-20-3748823

<http://www.tsogosunhotels.com>

Tribe Hotel, Gigiri (behind The Village Market)

US\$275 (D) / US\$235 (S)

1.5 km from UN Complex

Tel: 254-20-72 00 000

Fax: 254-20-7200 110

<http://www.tribe-hotel.com>

Windsor Golf & Country Club, Ridgeways

US\$205 (D) US\$170 (S)

6 km from UN Complex

Tel: 254-20- 8647003/4

Cell: 254-722-203-361/2/3/4, 254-733-333-217/8

Fax: 254-20-2338093/6

<http://www.windsorgolfresort.com/>

Magna Hotel and Suites

US\$160

1.5 km from UN Complex

Tel: +254-20-513 8000

<http://www.magna-hotel.com>

Comfort Gardens

US\$140

1.5 km from UN Complex

Tel: 254-723-610-280

<http://comfort-gardens-nairobi.h-rez.com>

Tara Suites

\$150.00

1.5 km from UN Complex

Tel: 254-717700417, 254-786-700-417

<http://www.tarasuites.com/>

Casa Bella Suites

US\$120

1.5 km from UN Complex

Tel: 254-722-994-999

<http://www.casabellagigiri.com>

The 140 Runda

US\$125

1.5 km from UN Complex

Tel: 254-20-4445711

14. Banking Services: A Branch of both the Kenya Commercial Bank and Standard Chartered Bank are open within the UN Complex on weekdays from 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. In addition, the two banks, as well as other major banks such as Barclays Bank, Bank of Africa and Commercial Bank of Africa also have branches and ATMs in Westlands and at the Village Market shopping mall.

15. Safety and Security: As in any country, there are a few safety and security issues in Kenya. By taking necessary precautions, however, the risks of a security incident can be reduced drastically. By decreasing the temptation for thieves, staying away from unsafe areas and being aware and using common sense, you can have a safe trip. In keeping with the accepted practice worldwide, visitors are advised not to leave cash and valuables in their hotel rooms but to make use of hotel safe deposit boxes. Visitors should not carry large sums of money on their person while walking on the streets. Visitors are advised to be careful with their handbags in crowded places and busy streets. Necklaces and jewellery should be left at home or kept in the hotel's custody. As in all major cities, walking at night alone should be avoided. Never leave valuables on show in an unattended car or tour bus. Kenya has a police force as well as special tourist police unit with highly trained officers. Most hotels also employ experienced security personnel but you must take the same precautions that you would anywhere else in the world.

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